Application No. Applicant(s) 10/520,823 TANAKA ET AL. Interview Summary Examiner Art Unit 1754 Cam N. Nguyen All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel): (1) Examiner Cam N. Nguyen. (2) Mr. Sean Ingram. Date of Interview: 23 February 2006. Type: a) ✓ Telephonic b) ✓ Video Conference c) Personal [copy given to: 1) □ applicant 2) applicant's representative Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) Yes e)⊠ No. If Yes, brief description: . Claim(s) discussed: All. Identification of prior art discussed: as applied. Agreement with respect to the claims f) was reached. g) was not reached. h) N/A. Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: Claimed invention discussed. Attorney proposed incorporating subject matter of claim 9 into claim 1 with cancelation of claim 9. Attorney urged that Kaneko fails to disclose a noble metal in the composite oxide, and that the combination of the Kaneko's composite oxide would not produce high activity catalyst. Attorney further urged that the secondary reference does not provide a catalyst having the thermal stability as being claimed. (A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.) THE FORMAL WRITTEN REPLY TO THE LAST OFFICE ACTION MUST INCLUDE THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. (See MPEP Section 713.04). If a reply to the last Office action has already been filed, APPLICANT IS GIVEN A NON-EXTENDABLE PERIOD OF THE LONGER OF ONE MONTH OR THIRTY DAYS FROM THIS INTERVIEW DATE, OR THE MAILING DATE OF THIS INTERVIEW SUMMARY FORM, WHICHEVER IS LATER. TO FILE A STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. See Summary of Record of Interview requirements on reverse side or on attached sheet.

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